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Exhibit A

The Mint of the United States at ~~Philadelphia,~~

~~Superintendent's Office,~~

Chicago Sept. 6, 1893.

Col. O. C. Bosbyshell

Supt. U. S. Mint. Phila.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 4th inst just received and was a source of great relief to me. for I thought that owing to the delay which I took in asking for Oliveir detail would give you the impression that I did not want him, which was most certainly not the case. The delay was caused solely by my not understanding the manner in which I was to go about asking for the detail. and when I got your letter saying that I was to make the request formally to you I did not hesitate an instant

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to make the request as I wanted some-one and would have liked to have had Oliver very much. and I was keenly disappointed when I heard that he would not be allowed to come.

Harry Offer will be all right as he understands the press and soon will the motor and will be of much assistance. Any object in mentioning Davis were purely my own personal feelings from my knowledge of him not only as a machinist but also a mechanic one who when he gets into a snarl with his work can get out of it. While writing you about Davis I made the remark to McClure & Keyser that Charlie health might possibly

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prevent his coming.

I do not want to think that the decision of the Treasury Dept. was a personal thrust at you but rather that it is carrying out the declared opinion of the Administration against "nepotism"

I received this morning a letter from Oliver saying that he & Jimmie would be in Chicago Sunday the 15th. I have secured them a room at the Aglesby house and have so telegrathed him. and will meet them upon their arrival in Chicago.

I am indeed glad that we have turned third base and are on the home stretch and when we do turn our faces towards the Orient no one will say good bye to this

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windy city and great fair more heartily than I. and no one will more thoroughly enjoy or appreciate their advent in the Quaker City than I. for while I am not exactly homesick yet I am homesick. and in spite of Pop Cobb's prognostication I do not think I will have one particle of trouble in quickly finding my way to 729 Dolly St. W.P. and that without a guide.

In one of my letters while you were at the Sea Shore I suggested the shifting home of the press as it stands, but did not receive any reply. The thing is I think entirely feasible and would save much work out here. What do you think of it?

As soon as I get some new

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medals I will send you some in exchange for those of Mr Kewbalds. and if you return those I will have them plated.

Pugh is here with the City Troop and goes around in a nonlescrift uniform which two thirds of the people take to be the uniform of a Columbian Guard and ask him questions accordingly, to all of which questions he gives one of his characteristic answers more forcible than elegant.

The sale of medals keeps up wonderfully averaging Four Hundred Dollars and over a day. I will show you each days sales when I return

McClure & Keyser join me in sending kindest regards to you & Papa. Cobb.

Very Respectfully W. S. Beckley

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~~SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE~~,

Chicago, Sept 6th, 1893

H. S. Beckley,

~~Superintendent.~~

SUBJECT:

Various matters bearing upon the Mint Exhibit in Worlds Fair Chicago.

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